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First Named Inventor	Andrew R. Barron
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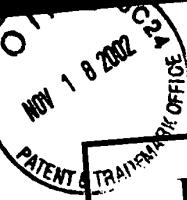
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41	1	- 42 = 0	x	18.00 = \$00.00
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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent Claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
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APPLICANTS: ANDREW R. BARRON, et.al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/670,230

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FOR: Chemical Control Over Ceramic
Porosity Using Carboxylate-
Alumoxanes

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

Atty. Dkt. No.: 1789-02202
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Office Action dated September 11, 2002. In response,
Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 39, 52, 53, 61, and 73-81 with the following. A marked-up copy of
the claims showing the amendments is appended hereto, along with a clean copy of all pending
claims.

1) (Amended) A method of controlling the porosity and pore size distribution of aluminum
oxide based ceramic bodies comprising
reacting boehmite with a carboxylic acid to produce carboxylate-alumoxane
nanoparticles,

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drying the carboxylate-alumoxane nano-particles,
re-dissolving the carboxylate-alumoxane nanoparticles in a solvent,
evaporating the solvent so as to deposit the nanoparticles on a substrate,
firing the deposited nanoparticles at a temperature greater than 300°C so as to form
an aluminum oxide based ceramic body.

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